

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING MOTOR CONFIGURED WITH AN INTEGRATED COUNTERPLATE TO CONTAIN BEARING FLUID**, the specification of which:

(check one) ☒ ☐ is attached hereto.
☐ ☐ was filed on _____ as
 Application Serial No. _____
 and was amended on _____
 (if applicable)

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application (s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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			Yes	No
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Day/Month/Year Filed)		

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

_____ 60/463,675 (Application Serial No.)	_____ April 16, 2003 (Filing Date)	_____ pending (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

_____ (Application Serial No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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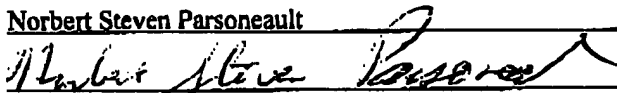
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